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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION - HOLDER/KERKOW

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1. AT PRESENT EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL REGARDING EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO COURT TO SUBSTANTIATE VARIOUS CLAIMS RAISED BY DEFENSE. DOSSIER OF CASE IS STILL WITH CHAMBRE D'ACCUSATION, ALTHOUGH MINJUSTICE (DIRECTION DES AFFAIRES CRIMINELLES ET DES GRACES) EXPECTS TO RECEIVE IT LATER THIS WEEK. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR FULL INFORMATION ON EVIDENCE AS SOON AS DOSSIER AVAILABLE.

2. IN ADDITION TO STATEMENTS MADE BY DEFENDANTS AND DEFENSE LAWYERS IN TRIAL MARCH 17, COURT HAD AVAILABLE WRITTEN BRIEF PRESENTED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS BEFORE OPENING OF TRIAL. WE DO NOT KNOW CONTENTS OF DEFENSE BRIEF, AS ONLY FLEETING REFERENCES WERE MADE TO IT DURING TRIAL. FROM THESE REFERENCES, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT BRIEF SUMMARIZES DEFENSE PLEA AND THAT IT CONTAINS STATEMENTS OF FRENCH PSYCHIATRIST DESCRIBING HOLDER'S MENTAL CONDITION, AS WELL AS LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR HOLDER AND KERKOW FROM VARIOUS REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS AND FRENCH INTELLECTUALS. WHETHER IT CONTAINS ANY EVIDENCE SUBSTANTIATING DEFENSE PLEA, WE DO NOT KNOW.

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3. AMBASSADOR IS LUNCHING WITH JUSTICE MINISTER
LECANUET APRIL 22 AND WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION
ASPECTS OF THIS CASE THAT PARTICULARLY CONCERN USG.
WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP ON THESE POINTS IN LATER TALKS
AT QUAI AND MIN JUSTICE.
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